

Dr. Robert Lindner Named ISDH Laboratory Director

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In September 2004, Dr. Robert Lindner became the Medical Laboratory Director for the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Laboratories. A long time resident of the Chicago area, Dr. Lindner has nearly 20 years of experience in public health, as well as many years of experience in clinical pathology.

Dr. Lindner graduated from the University of Michigan in 1967 with a B.S. in biophysics. He received an M.S. in molecular biology and a Ph.D. in biochemistry from Northwestern University. Dr. Lindner attended medical school at the University of Minnesota, receiving his M.D. in 1978. He completed an internship in internal medicine and a residency in pathology at Evanston Hospital in Evanston, Illinois.

Prior to joining the ISDH, Dr. Lindner served as the Deputy Director of the New York City Public Health Laboratories. Before going to New York, he was the Director and Chief of Cytology at the Chicago Laboratory of the Illinois Department of Health for more than 10 years. Dr. Lindner has also served as the Director of the Minnesota Department of Health Laboratories. He is a fellow of the College of American Pathologists and a member of the American Board of Pathology. Dr. Lindner is also a member of the editorial board for *The Ambulatory Medicine Letter*.

As the Medical Laboratory Director, Dr. Lindner is responsible for the overall leadership and direction of the ISDH Laboratories, as well as compliance with the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA). David Nauth remains the Administrative Laboratory Director. Although Dr. Lindner is still familiarizing himself with the ISDH Laboratories, he has begun to set some future goals for the labs. One short-term goal is the implementation of a Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS). A long-term goal is the development of a more thorough quality assurance program. Dr. Lindner believes the greatest challenge facing the laboratories in the near future will be making a smooth transition into the new building, scheduled for completion in the fall of 2006. His vision for the laboratories is to provide the highest quality of laboratory service to the citizens of Indiana.
